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## Students develop skin cancer apps

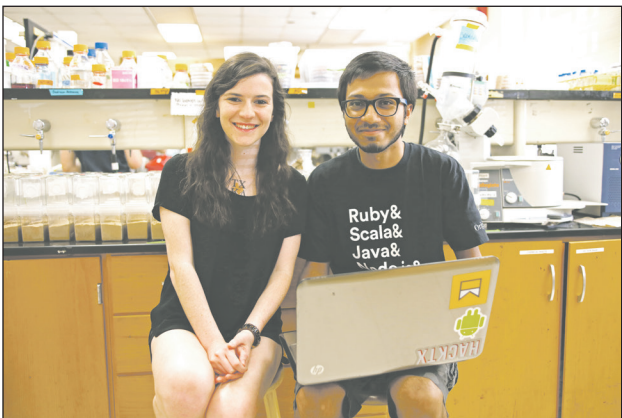
By Anusha Lalani  
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People who do not have the convenience of going to a dermatologist can now analyze any suspicious moles by using two apps created by UT students. Biology and psychology junior Rachel Graubard and computer science junior Vatsal Shah created two separate apps that would help detect any signs of skin cancer on an individual's body, such as a change in mole size

or color. Graubard's app allows users to take a quiz that helps distinguish any potentially cancerous moles from normal ones. App users can then upload a photo of their moles to the app to help them monitor any changes that may occur over time. Users can access the app at [rgraubard.github.io/skincancer](https://rgraubard.github.io/skincancer). Graubard said her inspiration to create the app came from her experience shadowing a dermatologist when she was in high school.

"I had the opportunity to shadow Dr. Keith Schulze at the Fort Bend Skin Cancer Center," Graubard said. "According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, one in five Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime, and people my age were there being treated for cancers. I would love to see that statistic go down in the future." Shah's app is similar to Graubard's, except that it reminds app users to check

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Mariana Gonzalez | Daily Texan Staff

Biology and psychology junior Rachel Graubard and computer science junior Vatsal Shah have developed two apps that can help detect signs of skin cancer.

CITY

## City hopes to work in MetroLab Network

By Forrest Milburn  
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Austin will find out in the coming weeks if it was accepted into a group of 20 cities in the MetroLab network, in which cities and local universities are partnering to research opportunities for improvement in infrastructure, City services, democratic governance, public policy and management. MetroLab Network started as part of an initiative by the Obama administration to provide \$160 million in federal research funds and grants to cities and local governments, in order to help them tackle major policy areas and lead them on the right path to becoming "smart cities." "It's a network of cities and universities that are focused on creating partnerships in which the city government can create a sort of laboratory-type setting in which university folks can test technology as policy approaches," said Ben Levine, MetroLab Network interim director. The City Council approved an ordinance directing the City to apply for the network partnership, with an acceptance decision expected in the coming weeks, MetroLab officials said. "We have a lot of smart transportation efforts going on with the City of Austin, and so the application was very heavy on those efforts," Jen Duthie, a research engineer with the Center for Transportation Research at UT, said.

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CITY

## Aerial photography reaches new heights

By Elizabeth Hlavinka  
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The UT Tower, the Pennybacker Bridge and Lady Bird Lake each have been photographed thousands of times and from nearly every angle. So when a group of photographers wanted to shoot Austin icons from a different perspective, they went the only direction they had left — up. With recent improvements in drone technology and affordability, Austin photographers and drone enthusiasts are now capturing the essence of the city through innovative, aerial photographs. Christopher Sherman, founder of the fine art aerial photography studio Over Austin, said he has always been interested in photographing unconventional images. Sherman initially wanted to be a pilot, but after earning his Federal Aviation Administration license in high school, delved into graphic design instead. Years later, Sherman discovered photography and was specifically drawn to aerial imagery, using his flight experience to conceptualize shots taken from the air. Over the past one and a half years, Sherman has clocked nearly 350 hours of flying, capturing the Austin City Limits Music Festival, the bats exiting



Marshall Tidrick | Daily Texan Staff

Christopher Sherman, founder of the fine art aerial photography studio Over Austin, is drawn to drones because of the unique perspective they give to the photos they produce. the Congress Avenue Bridge and the Milky Way as seen from above Austin. His work has been featured by the Austin American-Statesman, the Dell Medical School and the Austin Convention Center. "The more I started shooting Austin, the more I realized I could tell a story or provide a perspective of this town in a way that nobody's seen before," Sherman said. "They're seeing it for the first time through my eyes." Sherman uses a DJI Phantom 3 Pro, a drone that weighs four pounds and is complete with internal propellers, a compass and a GPS, which he controls externally with a joystick and an iPad. Although Sherman used his background in photography and aviation to learn the craft, others hoping to fly drones didn't have such strong foundations. In order to create a community for other fliers, Sherman founded Austin Drone Pilots in 2015 to share experiences, tips and safety information. Carlos Austin, a photographer who teaches informal

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## UT employees no longer shoot the birds to control population

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Students parking their cars on campus may be upset to find their hoods sullied by the unfortunate evidence of birds perched in the trees above, but there was a time when UT faced the same problem on a much greater scale. In the 1980s, nearly every corner of campus was affected by a flood of grackles, shiny black birds that flock to urban areas. John Burns, landscape services manager for facilities services, said waste from the birds was becoming a serious problem. "The stench was terrible, the mess on the sidewalks,

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—John Burns, Landscape services manager for facilities services

... the salt levels from the droppings were so high it was actually building up in the soils from us washing it off the sidewalks," Burns said. "It was causing a lot of health issues for the plants and trees." After several unsuccessful

attempts to fend off the grackles, Burns devised a solution: His team began using shell crackers, a special type of nonlethal ammunition for shotguns, which scared

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CAMPUS

## Students celebrate diversity in Gay Pride Week festivities

By Anam Fazli  
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Music blasted while students ate pizza, played games and earned prizes on the Gregory Gymnasium Plaza to kick off the annual Gay Pride Week on Monday. Pride Week's purpose is not just to celebrate but also to raise awareness for opportunities, faculties and support that the LGBT community has on campus. Alexia Puente, representative of the Queer Students Alliance, which helped organized the week's events, said the organization values equality and gay pride.



Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff

The annual Gay Pride Week began Monday evening on the Gregory Gymnasium Plaza. "My organization hosts this event every year to promote equality and pride on campus," Puente, an English

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A UT employee paints the flag poles near the Tower on Monday afternoon.

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away birds by launching the equivalent of a firecracker into the sky. Burns said the team took extra precautions to make sure they didn't accidentally alarm the campus community.

"We wanted to be as visible as possible. ... We wore vests, eye protection, ear protection," Burns said. "It was hopefully obvious to folks there on campus we weren't there to hurt anybody."

The team of about 15 would station themselves across campus at dusk, right as thousands of grackles flooded in, and fire into the sky.

Eventually, this began to work — the birds became conditioned to avoid campus. Burns said they stopped using shell crackers as the problem abated, and with safety concerns following 9/11, the method is shelved

for good.

Communication studies senior Madeline Metzger said she would "honestly be terrified" if she saw staff walking around with shotguns these days.

Advertising junior Clara Patt said she'd be caught off guard by the shell cracker method if it were used today, but adequate notice might ease people's concerns.

"I'd be pretty uncomfortable with it. ... I guess if they got enough word out — [UT] sends out emails and notices when they're about to do siren tests — I guess they could do that," Patt said.

While grackles have yet to return to campus in the quantities seen in the 80s, Burns said his team is employing new repellent methods to fend off any returning groups, such as clapping boards together and spraying the affected areas with water.

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On top of transportation needs, areas of policy, energy and possibly housing affordability — major issues the City Council has been concerned with — will be addressed through the MetroLab partnership, Duthie said.

If selected, Austin and UT would become the third Texas partnership, after partnerships in Dallas and Houston, to be among the 20 founding network partnerships.

"Austin is clearly a leader in the state," Levine said. "We are excited that they applied because we think there's a lot other cities can learn from Austin, and I'm sure there's projects Austin will be interested in learning about that are in our network."

Some ways the founding 20 cities and universities have tackled

transportation since last year include the implementation of a smart traffic-signalization project in the city of Pittsburgh and the use of electric cars to reduce congestion, Levine said.

On March 12, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced it had selected Austin among its seven finalists in the Smart City Challenge, a separate part of the Obama initiative, in which the winning city will receive \$40 million in grant funds to help it become one of the first cities in the country to "fully integrate" technology in solving transportation network problems.

The winning city will be announced in June, according to the department website.

Austin's MetroLabs network application is not affiliated with the city's status as a finalist for the Smart City Challenge challenge, Duthie said.

"It's not directly related, but everything's connected," Duthie, who was the primary University contact during the MetroLabs application process, said. "It's just something else that's strengthening that University-City collaboration."

When applying for the Smart Cities Challenge, Mayor Steve Adler wrote in the cover letter that the city is in need of the ability to use technology and innovation in solving its transportation issues — issues that both the Smart Challenge and the City's potential MetroLabs membership could help address.

"Austin is a magnet for venture investment in research, tech, advanced manufacturing and the creative class," Adler said in the letter. "Yet a huge swath of our community is struggling to pay for housing and transportation — and that's unacceptable."

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their recorded moles for any changes every month. All of the recorded data is stored in the app for future reference. The app is available to anyone through a web link: [ta.gd/skin](http://ta.gd/skin).

Shah said his app is convenient and effective because most people are

utilizing smartphones on a daily basis.

"[These] days, a majority of people have access to a smartphone and internet," Shah said. "Thus, my goal was to utilize my knowledge of computer science and come up with a handy tool for the community."

Clinical assistant professor Timothy Riedel,

who helped Graubard and Shah with their apps through the DIY Diagnostics Stream, a program that teaches students science through independent research experiences, said the apps are essential due to the increased number of skin cancer patients and the possible lack of medical assistance in certain areas.

"Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer, and its rates are increasing steadily," Riedel said. "Both apps may be very helpful in communities where access to medical professionals is limited. They may also be helpful to increase surveillance frequency between regular visits with a dermatologist."

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pus not only get to express their pride but also share their happiness with others around them, and we like to make that happen."

The kick off event featured the Queer Students Alliance, Queer People of Color & Allies and other organizations from the University and greater Austin community that are primarily queer, feminist, and ally. Other organizations, such as University Democrats and Texas Exes, were also present to support LGBT views.

John Cano, Texas Exes Networking Member, said Texas Exes has many opportunities and events reserved for the LGBT community, such as the Lavender graduation, a graduation ceremony explicitly for LGBT students, that would enhance its networking opportunities with LGBT alumni in Austin.

"Texas Exes has a Lavender graduation for each graduating class," Cano said. "It is cohosted by the Gender and Sexuality Center and UT Queer Students Alliance. This

allows the LGBTQ community to celebrate their success in their way, and it gives them an opportunity to meet alumni from their community as well as other communities."

Every year, Pride Week has a theme that the organizations center around. This year's theme is "The Art of Being Queer." This theme will allow the members of these organizations to express, inspire and advocate the meaning of LGBT through all forms of art.

Timothy Meyer, president of University Democrats, said supporting the LGBT community is a value that most Democrats share because they value the equal treatment of all people.

"Our organization annually participates in Pride Week because Democrats, like I, share the value to support the LGBT community and believe in advocating for their right to openly express their pride," Meyer, a history senior, said.

This week-long event is open to anyone that wants to celebrate and support gay pride.

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# Historian lectures on Japanese culture in U.S.

By Nancy Huang  
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Nancy Stalker, associate professor of Asian studies, gave a lecture on Japanese culture from the 20th century American mindset on Monday.

Stalker, who is primarily a cultural historian on modern Japan, said western knowledge of Japan is based in stereotypes of mystical spirituality, martial arts and ceremonies. In reality, Stalker said, such traditions have deep, complex meanings, and there is much more to Japanese culture.

“When [older American generations] think about Japan, they think about tea ceremonies and flower arranging,” Stalker said. “Art historians mystify these things. [They’re] not really looking at these things as institutions or dynamic. It’s all about beauty and spirituality. That really bugged me about studies in Japan.”

Edgar Olalo, international

relations and global studies senior, said Stalker’s talk about cultural influences is applicable to multiple backgrounds. Olalo said generalizations are the reason Japanese culture, including its fashion, is culturally appropriated in America.

“The meaning behind cultural influences and things that brought people together, that was super interesting to me, especially things that I can apply to my background,” Olalo, an Asian-American, said. “Things like fashion, that’s one thing I’m really passionate about. And I like to look at things beyond just the surface level of fashion. That’s something that definitely came up to my mind when [she] was speaking about the deep cultural implications of things.”

Sona Shah, assistant director of the Center for Asian American Studies, said the lecture is one of many in an ongoing series to build bridges between students and faculty members.

“We’ve been holding this series of faculty research talks



Nancy Stalker, associate professor of Asian studies, discusses Japanese history at the SAC on Monday. Stalker spoke with students about Japanese culture from the 20th century American mindset as part of the University lecture series.

Jesse Hanna  
Daily Texan Staff

for students to get to know our faculty, know a little bit more about Asian-American studies,” Shah said. “It’s a chance for students to get to know faculty outside of lectures and official academic stuff.”

Stalker said American citizens misinterpreted Japanese culture during their postwar occupation of Japan by enforcing Western twists on Japanese traditions.

“If you think about all the modern, powerful nations in

the world, I don’t think there is one in which aesthetics and traditional culture place such a huge role in its national identity and in its international identity,” Stalker said. “It’s important to have Japan specialists, or people who know

Japan deeply, writing about these things, or there could be all of these misunderstandings. When journalists look at [Japan] and don’t understand the larger historical context or social values, it just comes off as crazy stuff.”

NATIONAL

# Grade inflation at universities continues to rise

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Although students often toss around the phrase “Cs get degrees,” a recent study indicates that more college students nowadays are getting As and Bs, with the same or less effort as students in the 1960s.

According to a study in Teachers College Record journal updated March 29, full-time college students in 2008 were three times more likely to receive an A and put in 10 hours less work. Independent researchers Stuart

Rojstaczer and Christopher Healy surveyed 135 schools and 1.5 million students for the study.

Math lecturer Jesse Miller said part of the reason students are receiving higher grades is because universities view students as consumers, and education is treated as a business.

“Grades should reflect students’ abilities and should not rise or fall artificially,” Miller said in an email. “Grades are feedback about how well students are doing in the class. That feedback is

almost certainly useless and inaccurate if everyone gets an A. An instructor ... is not doing that student a favor by misreporting that student’s ability.”

Economics lecturer Wayne Hickenbottom said grade inflation is not a new topic, but part of the problem comes from today’s mindset that everyone gets a trophy.

“People are more and more unwilling to say you’re better than somebody else,” Hickenbottom said. “I would like to see us get back to a standard where a C is an OK grade

— that you were doing as well as anybody else. If everybody gets an A, ... you’re not getting any differentiation at the top.”

Psychology sophomore Jared Lindenberg said grades are not a direct representation of abilities, so the fact that grades are increasing helps students pursue more options.

“It might help you get into grad schools or get you your first entry level job or internship, but after that, it’s not really affecting anything,” Lindenberg said. “If anything, [grade inflation is] more

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—Wayne Hickenbottom,  
Economics professor

beneficial to students because it’s allowing them to have more opportunities.”

UT introduced the plus-minus grading system in 2009 to address grade inflation, but seven years later, studies still show class averages rising.

“Grade inflation has not happened because of conscious choices that

people have made to make it happen,” Miller said. “The problem, rather, is that the system as a whole has evolved into one that rewards giving high grades regardless of what students have earned, and it will take a massive effort by everyone involved to change the course of that evolution.”

CAMPUS

# Students Against Sweatshops hosts former Nike employee

By Jasleen Shokar  
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The UT chapter of United Students Against Sweatshops hosted a event yesterday featuring former Nike worker and workers’ rights advocate Noi Supalai.

Supalai worked in a Nike facility in Thailand and discussed her experience via a translator. She spoke in light of the 2015 multi-million dollar contract between Nike and the University.

Supalai said in 2009, after the recession, brands were pulling orders from the factory she worked at. Nike offered a deal to the factory, stipulating that it must produce products faster and at lower costs. If the factory did not comply, Nike would revoke its order.

“The workers were forced to produce nonstop,” Supalai said. “We took turns going home to shower and eat, and we didn’t get to go back to our families.”

When wages weren’t distributed for two months, the workers formed a union, and with Supalai as president, tried to negotiate terms with the factory and Nike. Supalai stopped after several attempts because Nike “did not show up” to meetings.

It’s time for Nike to be monitored from outsider organizations, Supalai said.

“I am not telling you to boycott Nike,” Supalai said. “You have to be responsible customers and hold Nike accountable.”

USAS member Kate Sanchez said transparency in Nike facilities is vital.

“Nike has a very long history of human rights violations within their factories that produce their apparel,” Sanchez, a public relations freshman, said. “UT just made the biggest deal in the nation with Nike for Longhorn apparel.”

Nike refused watchdog groups such as the Workers Rights Consortium access into factories, and Sanchez said

the University should write a letter to Nike and “put them on notice.”

“We think it is in our University code of conduct that the WRC should be admitted to these factories,” Sanchez said. “We’ve had four meetings with the administration now, and there has been very little to no progress.”

Nike is benefiting from the sweatshop labor — but so is the University, USAS member Andrea Flores said.

“We should have a say in how our University operates, and as students, we have leverage over our Universities and they way they use their power,” Flores, a psychology junior, said.

An ethical business must take care of production lines and all workers, Supalai said.


“We workers are very upset with Nike because if they wanted to do something, they could,” Supalai said.

Behind every product we buy, there is a face and a story, Flores said.



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Noi Supalai recounts the hardships and human rights violations she faced during her time working in a factory that produced Nike apparel.



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COLUMN

# ICE raids abuse our immigrants

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“It’s time for a president who won’t walk away from comprehensive [immigration] reform just because it becomes politically unpopular,” said Obama in 2008 as he spoke to the National Council of La Raza at their annual conference in San Diego. This message resonated across our nation of immigrants and gave people hope that a president would finally begin the long battle to fix our immigration system. However, despite Obama’s many reforms of immigration policy, his administration still has a reckless policy that allows officials to abuse the rights of undocumented immigrants.

The Department of Homeland Security began a series of Immigration Customs Enforcement raids in January that intended to remove immigrants who skipped their court appearances or had a criminal background. While I agree that the sanctions on those with criminal backgrounds is legitimate, the crackdown on those who miss their court dates is more opaque. The courts hold ultimate control over immigrants’ status and are not set up to give these immigrants much control of their own fate.

The raids targeted areas that reported the highest number of immigrants with warrants for their removal or arrest, including places of work or homes. Texas is among the states where ICE agents detained the most people.

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These raids are a result of the Obama administration over-reacting to a spike in the influx of immigrants in the United States. But to send agents into local communities to arrest vulnerable families...is something you would expect from Donald Trump.

Although the raids intended to do justice, their overly zealous approach violated the dignity of those that were subject to their unjust intrusion. Reports shed light on how the ICE agents conducted their raids. These agents acted on tips that led them to detain many immigrants who did not have a criminal background or did not skip out on a court appearance. What is worse, the agents took advantage of the fact that most immigrants do not speak English as their first language and often entered homes without a warrant.

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## IMMIGRATION IN THE U.S.



In November 2014, Obama announced an executive decision intended to shield **5 million** immigrants from deportation.



The number of family units deported rose **173 percent** in October and November 2015, compared to the same two months in 2014.

Source: The Washington Post

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Trump, not Obama.

To deport immigrants back to places where their lives will be threatened by unimaginable violence, like El Salvador and Honduras, is morally repugnant.

These raids need to be scrapped immediately, as they ultimately result in the destruction of families that are being sent back to places where their lives are threatened every day. In the face of this injustice, Obama and our next president

must demonstrate stronger leadership. We must insist that our government resorts to more comprehensive and humane means than ICE raids to fix our immigration problem. For now, immigrants need to be provided with a safe place, not threatened by sweeps and roundups that tear apart their families.

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COLUMN

# Austin’s growth should result in Major League franchise

By Adam Humphrey  
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It’s apparent that Austin has an appetite for sports. Between the city’s minor league teams, major events and participation in niche leagues such as ultimate frisbee and rugby, it is apparent Austinites have a minor league fix for just about every sport craving. It’s time for Austin to move up to the majors.

The city has grown tremendously over the past decade and will continue to boom for years to come, according to a study conducted by Urban Institute. Austin could see its population rise anywhere from 30 to 80 percent by 2030, more than just about any other metro area in the nation. This influx of population could bring in quite a number of new fans to a prospective franchise.

Major companies such as Google and General Motors are also rolling into town en masse. These companies, as well as many homegrown startups such as Indeed and HomeAway, could make a mark on the city with a key stadium sponsorship. Austin’s growth as a bustling hub for the tech industry creates the opportunity for a management strategy similar to the Golden State Warriors, where Silicon Valley venture capitalists apply their business mindsets to the team they manage.

Austin already has a minor league team in just about every popular sport



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2015 Population Estimate	1,481,000	1,976,000	1,085,000	2,040,000	1,593,000	1,616,000
High projected growth	40.87%	32.51%	40.32%	78.03%	27.43%	81.73%
Medium projected growth	24.44%	19.11%	28.21%	48.96%	15.17%	55.34%
Low projected growth	8.59%	6.67%	17.27%	20.79%	3.51%	30.51%

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in America: The Austin Aztex for soccer, Austin Spurs for basketball, Texas Stars for hockey and Round Rock Express for baseball. With community buy in and the right backers, one of these teams could make the jump. The Longhorns may not play on Sundays, but they consistently

bring out thousands upon thousands of fans week after week. Austinites want to root for their home team — they just need one to start with.

If one of these teams were to step up to the big leagues, it would face a lot of competition close to home. Dallas and Houston already have professional franchises in each of the above sports (save a hockey team in Houston). The nearby San Antonio Spurs could make breaking into the basketball scene difficult, if not almost impossible. These stiff competitors may make it difficult for a team to thrive in Austin.

However, should a team be able to gain a foothold in the city and its league, the inter-city rivalries would burn hotter than before. San Antonio and Austin recently exchanged jabs over breakfast tacos, a staple food near and dear to Texans’ hearts. If we can get that worked up over tacos,

the sports smack talk would flow naturally and the games would be intense.

In recent years the city has had a penchant for major sports events. The Circuit of the Americas F1 track opened in 2012, giving the sport a return to the U.S. after a five-year hiatus. The X Games has also come to town for the past two years but will be leaving after the summer 2016 games. The future of Austin’s spot on the Formula 1 circuit is also in question. The race has a slot on the 2016 circuit but is “subject to agreement” with the promoter.

These fleeting events are nice, but they only come around once a year. Austin is growing rapidly each day, and professional sports teams should take note and give the city its major league debut.

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COLUMN

# To fix education inequality, focus on housing inequality

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The American Dream tells us that if we work hard, we will succeed, but this is a false hope for many students. Eighty percent of low-income fourth grade students in the U.S. fail to meet their grade level’s reading standards, and the gap between the average math and reading levels of students at the 90th and 10th percentiles has increased from 40 percent to 50 percent in 25 years, according to a 2011 study by Stanford University’s Center for Education Policy Analysis.

Many cultural and socio-economic factors intersect with the income achievement gap, so there are many opportunities for reform. But housing patterns cannot be overlooked because they are so closely related to school systems and other lifestyle factors that allow families to focus on their children’s education and success.

In a 2012 study published in Community Investments, Stanford sociology professor Sean Reardon found that the growth of the gap isn’t

only about the rich having more dollars than they did before; it’s also that a dollar buys more achievement than it used to.

“Rising income inequality has led to the increasing segregation of high-income families from middle- and low-income families,” Reardon said. “Because residential patterns are closely linked to school attendance patterns, the rise of residential income segregation has likely led to a concurrent rise in school segregation by income.”

Data from the U.S. Department of Education shows that the average state and local funding gap between the richest 25 percent of school districts and the poorest 25 percent is \$1,500 per student. This means the schools of wealthier children can afford to hire and keep better teachers, run better programs and offer many other resources.

Mixed-income communities, in which people of all-income levels live in the same housing area, solve the problem of residential income segregation. Our schools are failing our poor students, but mixed-income communities would keep school district tax bases from creating separate poor and rich schools. The money would be spread out to provide adequate funding through-

out the districts.

The Urban Institute found that low-income adults who moved into mixed-income communities reported improvements within employment, mental health, safety and educational opportunities.

Changes in other areas such as employment and health matter because they contribute to parents having more time, resources and mental energy to invest in their children’s education. Overall, the children reported being happier and working harder in school.

Austin developers just began construction on an apartment complex, Aldrich 51, in the upscale Mueller neighborhood. 85 percent of the complex is earmarked by the city as affordable housing, and the goal of the City’s \$4 million investment is to create mixed-income housing.

The Mueller affordable housing complex is a step in the right direction, and we need to radically accelerate the number of these projects and others like them that combat the problems of income inequality. To realize all of the educational benefits, future developments need to focus on catering to

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families, which the Mueller apartments do not, and they need to be accessible to the poorest segment of the population.

The extreme inequality in this country is the greatest threat to the American Dream we want to believe in, and improving education is the way to fight it.

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SOFTBALL

Longhorns bracing for tough week

By Claire Cruz  
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April is arguably the toughest month on Texas' schedule, but the Longhorns aren't worried. In fact, they're up for the challenge.

Texas got the 18-game month started with a series victory over BYU with the efforts of the whole pitching staff and a consistent offense. The Longhorns (22-9) will look to keep that momentum rolling in a doubleheader at home on Tuesday against UTEP (17-21) and on the road for a single game at UTSA (13-22) Wednesday.

"We're going to attack it hard," senior center fielder Lindsey Stephens said. "No more losses. We're going to go after every team as hard as we can."

Texas and UTEP haven't faced each other since 2010 and the Longhorns hold a 7-0 series record over the Miners.

UTEP comes to Austin with an impressive offense that boasts 34 home runs and a collective .318 batting average. The Longhorn pitchers have performed well recently and will need to continue attacking the strike zone to keep the Miner offense quiet.

Junior Tiarra Davis has been in the circle for Texas significantly more than sophomores Kristen Clark and Paige von Sprecken, but the younger pitchers are coming into their own. Kristen Clark pitched a



Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff

Junior left-hander Tiarra Davis is one of the few experienced arms steadying the Longhorn pitching staff. A challenging April slate of games will test the limits of the young squad.

complete game against BYU after being on a tight pitch count, and even though she didn't get a win, head coach Connie Clark said she did a lot of good things.

"We know we're a little thin in experience," Connie Clark said of her pitching staff. "But I think that Kristen getting healthy and Paige building confidence has been tremen-

dous. Kristen is still working back, but she went a pretty high pitch count [Friday] and felt strong."

The Longhorns have played UTSA more consistently over the years and own a dominant 37-5-1 series record, but the games have been close between these teams in the last few years.

The Roadrunners have a

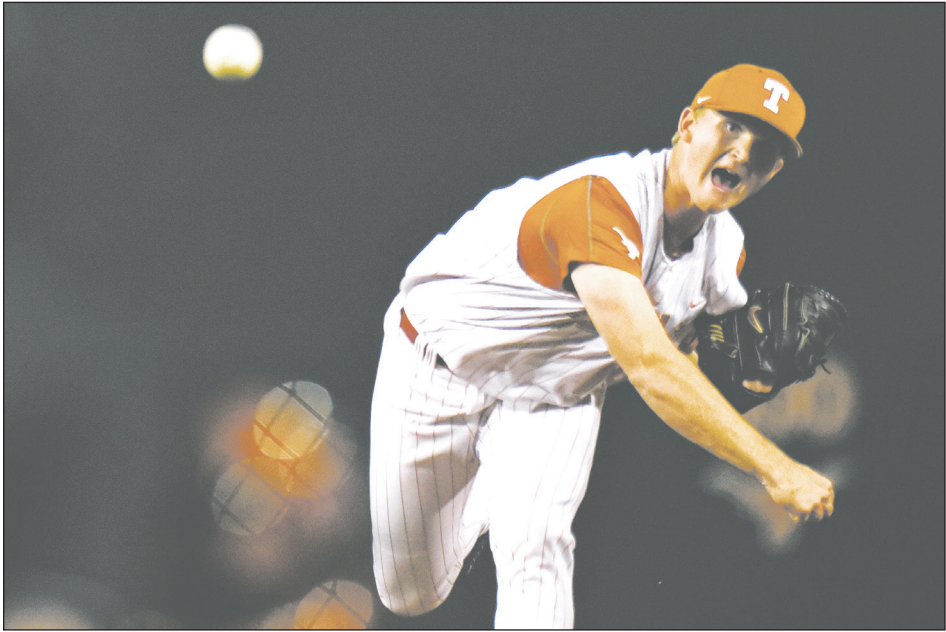
handful of solid hitters and a good pitcher in sophomore Lizzy Fox, who has a 3.05 ERA but has issued just 11 walks. Texas will need production from everyone in the lineup to head home with a win.

Tuesday's games will start at 4:30 and 7 p.m. and will be broadcast by the Longhorn Network, and Wednesday's first pitch is set for 6 p.m. The

quick turnaround between these games will serve as good practice for the remainder of Texas' busy schedule.

"I love that we're pretty heavy right now," Connie Clark said. "I feel like we finally got into a rhythm. We're back to high energy, we're clicking and using the whole roster, and that's important to help us win championships."

BASEBALL | COLUMN



Rachel Zein | Daily Texan Staff

Texas head coach Augie Garrido's decision to move sophomore Connor Mayes (pictured) from the rotation to the closer role has yet to pay off for the struggling Longhorns.

Garrido shuffles pitching staff amidst late inning struggles

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Oklahoma gave Texas its 16th loss of the season on Sunday afternoon in Norman, dropping the Longhorns to four games below .500 prior to their matchup with Texas A&M Corpus Christi on Tuesday. The defeat also marked sophomore pitcher Connor Mayes' fourth loss of the season, his second in the closer's role.

Mayes has been far from perfect since taking the mantle as Texas' ninth-inning specialist. He has surrendered three runs in five appearances, struggling at times with command. But Mayes' issues shouldn't signal an abdication from the role. For the sake of the Texas bullpen, head coach Augie Garrido must stick with Mayes as his closer.

Prior to Mayes' entrance into the pen, Garrido trotted out four different closers at one point in the season. But instead of slamming the door on opponents, the Longhorns consistently left it open. Bullpen stability has been a key issue for Texas, compounded by a shaky defense behind the mound. The combination led to combustible end-of-game situations, with the Longhorns leaving many winnable games on the table.

"We need to execute more consistently," Garrido said. "We've made far too many mistakes, especially late in games."

The Longhorns thought they had their end-of-game answer earlier in the year. Freshman reliever Chase Shugart shined at the start of the season, earning the moniker "Shutdown Shugart." He struck out six batters in his first five appearances, blowing by batters with a fastball clocking in over 95 miles per hour.

But Shugart's competitive streak seemed to outpace his fastball. The fiery freshman displayed significant emotion on the mound and suffered two crushing defeats in the closer's role. A matchup with California on March 6 saw Shugart surrender five runs en route to a 10-7 loss, and Shugart blew the lead against Tulane on March 20.

"He's a competitor out there," Garrido said. "He's a very talented kid, but he tries to make the perfect pitch and doesn't always trust the guys behind him."

With Shugart no longer an option, Garrido looked to the rest of his bullpen for answers. But the list of suitable closers proved shorter than expected. Senior pitcher Travis Duke has an extremely durable arm but doesn't have any go-to pitches

“He’s a competitor out there. He’s a very talented kid, but he tries to make the perfect pitch and doesn’t always trust the guys behind him.”

—Angie Garrido, Head coach

befitting a closer.

And while sophomore pitcher Kyle Johnston seemed to be quality candidate, his team-leading 20 walks gave Garrido pause. A leadoff walk is extremely dangerous in late innings, and additional baserunners are the last thing Texas' defense needs.

Some may argue for a bullpen-by-committee approach, but constant reshuffling of the pitching staff is far from beneficial. Mayes has the talent to be one of the premier closers in the Big 12, and entered the season as a member of Texas' weekend rotation. Even after Sunday's blown save, Garrido needs to stick to his guns in the bullpen. It may be his best chance to salvage the season before it slips away.

LONGHORNS IN THE NBA

Hamilton receives fresh start with New Orleans



By Steve Helwick  
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You never know when your number will be called.

Months ago, former Texas Longhorns small forward Jordan Hamilton was playing professional basketball in Volgograd, Russia. The NBA and the NBA Developmental League had already given him numerous opportunities to solidify a spot as a role player on a roster.

But 6,300 miles later, Hamilton has been provided the opportunity again in the city of New Orleans. The New Orleans Pelicans' season has already crumbled, as the team has been eliminated from the playoffs. Nine players are sitting out the rest of the season with injuries, including the team's five leading scorers. But not all is gloomy in the Big Easy.

The Pelicans signed Hamilton to a 10-day contract on March 25. The following day was Hamilton's first time stepping onto an NBA hardwood this season. With 145 games of NBA experience under his belt, Hamilton realizes he is playing for his future.

In four of his first five games with the Pelicans,

Hamilton scored double-digit points. He has started two games, and New Orleans (29-47 overall) is 3-2 since the acquisition. Hamilton recorded a double-double in Sunday's victory over the Brooklyn Nets, tallying 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Hamilton is expected to remain with the injury-riddled team for the remainder of the season. For a team that has employed 21 different players this season, the former first-round pick from Texas must stand out to receive a contract for next season.

Before moving around the NBA, NBA D-League and Russia, Hamilton was a highly touted prospect at Texas. He was a 2011 second-team All-American in a season when he averaged 18.6 points, the second-highest scoring average by a Longhorn since 2008, and 7.7 rebounds per game.

After leaving Texas, Hamilton's NBA destinations have included Denver, Houston, Los Angeles and New Orleans. His D-League destinations have included Idaho, Iowa, Reno and Rio Grande Valley. At only age 25, Hamilton knows how much traveling can be involved in a professional basketball career.

In the midst of his prime, he must replicate the performances he has posted with New Orleans to prolong his NBA career. At the beginning of this offseason, Hamilton's "tryout" might result in one desired effect: his number being called by an NBA team.




Jordan Hamilton | Daily Texan file photo

Former Longhorn standout Jordan Hamilton's post collegiate career has included stops in Russia and the NBA D-League before finding a new home in New Orleans.

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 Chase Shugart  
@cshug2

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TODAY IN HISTORY

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

**Texas looks to keep rolling against Baylor**

No. 21 Texas (15-6) will travel to Waco on Tuesday to take on Baylor, after five consecutive home matches.

Last weekend the Longhorns knocked off UTSA in a double header, taking the afternoon match 5-2 and sweeping the second contest 4-0 for their 11th victory in 12 matches.

Freshman Harrison Scott, who remains ranked No. 113 in singles, has won seven of his last nine singles matches with two coming over ranked opponents. This past weekend, Scott defeated UTSA senior Diogo Casa in straight sets. Scott is now 21-8 overall for this season.

Senior Michael Riechmann and sophomore Adrian Ortiz are featured at No. 61 in the latest ITA doubles rankings, but the duo did not play together in Texas' most recent match against UTSA.

Match play will begin at 6 p.m. on Tuesday at Baylor.

— Alana Kaufman



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5 One watching very, very closely

9 Egyptian vipers

13 Theater ticket price factor

15 Like the Parthenon

16 Tri and tri again?

17 Ooze

18 Fine Cremona violin

19 2000-03 Disney Channel series with Shia LaBeouf

22 Pink Floyd's "The Dark Side of the Moon" and "The Wall"

23 Pigeon's perch

24 High-stress hosp. area

25 Follower of wye

26 Daredevil who survived more than 400 bone fractures

31 Not socially acceptable

35 Dawn goddess

36 Advil competitor

37 Oil-producing matter in shale

39 User names on Twitter

41 Each and

42 Extension for the White House website

43 Number two: Abbr.

44 Place to buy a Slurpee

48 Like most Twizzlers

49 Accept, as losses

50 "Eek!"

55 Watergate monogram

56 1950 Bette Davis film hinting at something found 15 times in this puzzle

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63 56-Down opener

64 Some shortening

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68 Art Deco designer of the 1920s and '30s

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1 Merman of song and stage

2 Forty-niner's tool

3 Birds-and-the-bees class

4 Sumatran swinger, informally

5 Chris Rock, for the 2016 Oscars

6 Sailor's heading

7 Plantation pests

8 Fraction of a ruble

9 Fjord vis-à-vis an ocean

10 Things that are rising globally, according to scientists

11 Personal annoyances

12 Super G needs

15 "What a \_\_\_!"

20 "Get it?"

21 Certain rosary counter

25 Nintendo video game princess

27 Shape of some shirt necks

28 It's been a long time

29 Sir \_\_\_ McKellen (Gandalf portrayed)

30 For fear that

31 Luau music makers, for short

32 "Forget I said that"

33 Stopped

34 Hollowed out, as an apple

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39 Kind of lane for car-poolers

40 "\_\_\_ Maria"

42 Quick vacation

45 Prey for a barracuda

46 Syllables delivered with fingers in the ears

47 Greenwich Village sch.

51 Response to "Who's there?"

52 Flying Pan

53 High jump or 4 x 100-meter relay

54 Brains

55 Cousin of an ostrich

56 Year, in Uruguay

57 Snoozer

58 Bygone G.M. car, appropriately enough

60 Surgery sites, briefly

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BOOK REVIEW | ‘THE NEST’

# Anticipated novel ‘The Nest’ takes off to soaring reviews

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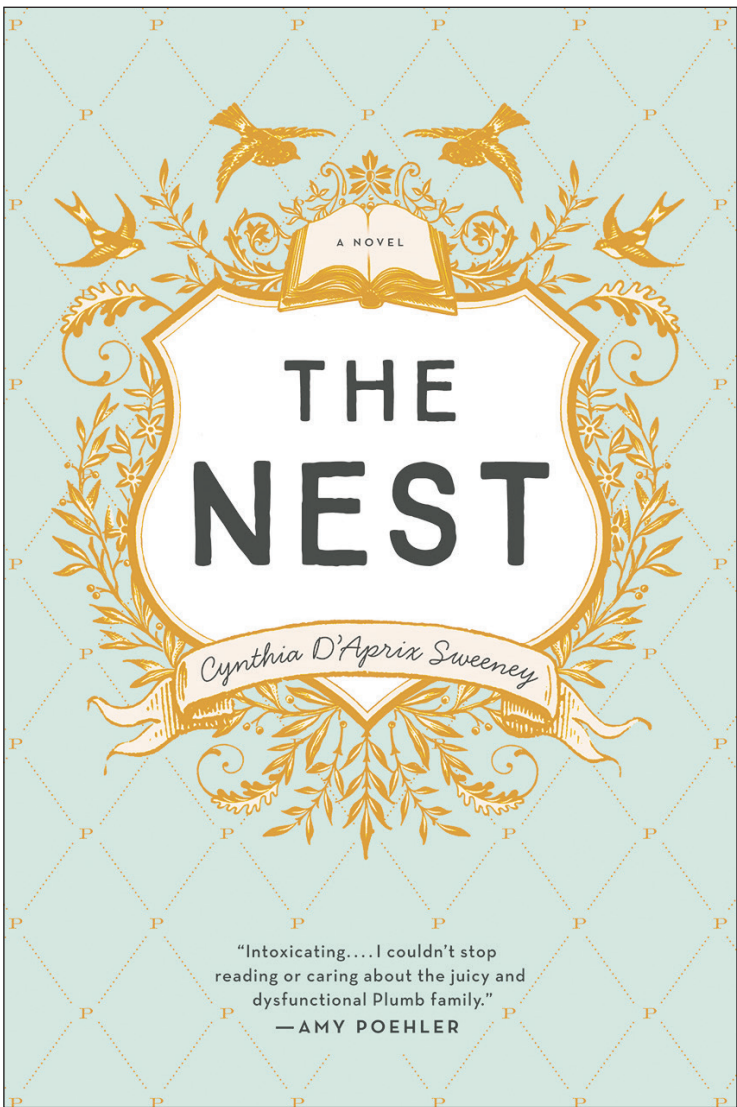
One car crash, and Leo Plumb’s family’s entire fortune is at risk — not that he necessarily cares. Hyped up for months by celebrities such as Amy Poehler and Ellie Kemper, Cynthia D’Aprix Sweeney’s debut novel “The Nest” is an emotional and satisfying story of family drama and dysfunction.

In various bars around Manhattan, three siblings, Jack, Melody and Bea, drink alone, bracing themselves before meeting one another for lunch. The Plumb family has been eagerly awaiting their late father’s inheritance money, but that’s all threatened by their brother Leo’s scandalous car accident.

Right before the accident, Leo — amped up on drugs at the time — leaves his cousin’s wedding with a waitress. Not long after seducing the server, Matilda, and promising to connect her with an agent to launch her singing career, he crashes the car.

The crash is devastating and becomes a source of shame for Leo and his family. This inciting incident sets the stakes high for the novel, giving it momentum. Never mind the uncomfortable 27-year age gap between Leo and Matilda, his wearisome history of addiction, or the fact that he’s married; the crash is so traumatic that the 19-year-old server loses her foot. In order to save face, Leo’s mother uses part of her children’s inheritance to pay off Matilda’s family.

The siblings’ indignant



Recommended by celebrities such as Amy Poehler and Ellie Kemper, Cynthia D’Aprix Sweeney’s debut novel “The Nest” is a powerful story of family drama and dysfunction.

Courtesy of Ecco

response to their mother’s decision makes it immediately clear that the Plumbs are not the ideal picture of familial closeness.

At lunch, the Plumb siblings await Leo’s arrival, discussing how they will convince Leo to pay back their inheritance, what they call “The Nest.” They are bitter, all heavy with their own burdens, and have grown impatient with Leo’s

selfishness negatively impacting theirs. They half expect him not to show; they half hope he won’t.

But when Leo arrives, it’s like a miracle. The siblings are equal parts relieved and distressed, impressed and irritated.

Leo’s character is defined by his egotism, and his family is obtusely aware of it. Each sibling has his or her own

misconstrued hope for who he can be, shaped by younger, fonder memories of him. And while Leo is deeply flawed, he can also be charismatic, funny, intelligent and deeply loving. He’s a walking paradox — in one moment he’s either the hero or the villain, never in between.

Throughout the course of

NEST page 5



Editor’s note: Tat-Tuesday is a weekly series that features students around campus and their tattoos.

By Hunter Gierhart  
@heartgears



Courtney Naquin, a geography sophomore, has a tattoo of a man and a woman together without any skin. The tattoo symbolizes Naquin’s struggles with her gender identity.

“Whenever I was a kid, I went against gender conformity. I had a boy name, and I identified more as a boy,” Naquin said, “As I grew up, I realized gender roles are dumb and that we’re all the same underneath our skin.”



On her right arm, linguistic anthropology graduate student Nora Tyeklar has a tattoo of a tomato in a spaceship saving the Hungarian capital of Budapest.

“There’s a lot of political turmoil in my home country of Hungary, so I wanted to say that it needs to be saved,” Tyeklar said. “I really like tomatoes, and the Hungarian word for tomato is the same word for paradise, so I thought that was a cool play on words.”

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